Direct recruitment of subordinate judges.

*365 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal now under consideration by the Government for the direct recruitment of subordinate judges from the Bar;

(*b*) if so, the nature of the proposal and the stage at which it stands now; and

(*c*) whether one of the reasons for the proposal or one of the proposals is to exclude one community from the field of such recruitment and if so, on what grounds?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The answer to clause (*a*) is in the negative.

Criminal Justice

Issue of orders under Section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, on public men in Madras.

*366 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether his attention has been drawn to the large number of orders under section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code passed upon public men and upon South Indian Railway workmen in Madras and in several parts of the province;

(*b*) whether his attention has been drawn to the criticisms on the platform and in the press that these orders were unjustified and unnecessary; and

(*c*) what action he proposes to take to prevent a recurrence of this?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The answers are in the affirmative.

(*c*) The Government have no intention of interfering with the discretion of magistracy when they take such action as in their opinion is necessary to prevent breaches of peace.

Alleged issue of orders under Section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, on Messrs. Joshi and Giri during their visit to Negapatam.

*367 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons why orders under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, were passed on Messrs. N. M. Joshi, M.L.A., and V. V. Giri during their recent visit to Negapatam;

(*b*) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to their statement in the press regarding these orders; and

(*c*) whether it is the policy of the Government to help the South Indian Railway Company to crush the labour movement in that company?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 290.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the answer to clauses (*b*) and (*c*) of the question, I am asking the Government to state the reasons on which they say that it is not their policy to help the South Indian Railway Company to crush the labour movement in that company, when distinguished leaders and responsible leaders of the movement like Messrs. Joshi and Giri have stated in their statement that these orders under section 144 could be justified only on the assumption that the labour movement has to be crushed ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" It is their opinion."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether the Government have examined the matter and can give any reasons in their opinion for controverting their statements ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Yes. Government have examined the question thoroughly and have come to the deliberate conclusion that they should not in any way interfere in disputes between the company and the workers ; but so far as this order against these gentlemen is concerned, it was issued by the magistrate for the express and sole purpose of preventing the possibility of a breach of the peace."

Forests

Permission to villagers to hunt wild animals in the forests in South Kanara.

*368 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a notification has been recently published permitting villagers to hunt wild animals in reserved forests in the South Kanara district after obtaining the Collector's permission on every occasion ;

(*b*) whether hunting had so far been allowed with the permission of the officers of the Forest department ; and

(*c*) if so, why it is now further restricted by making it obligatory to get the Collector's previous permission on every occasion ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The object was to prevent the indiscriminate killing of wild animals. The question of removing this restriction is under consideration.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" In answer to clause (*c*) of the question, it is stated that the object was to prevent the indiscriminate killing of wild animals. May I know whether any instances of such indiscriminate killing of wild animals have come to the notice of Government ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The Government understand it from the reports of the Collector."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" As to that answer, viz., to prevent indiscriminate killing of wild animals, is there such a thing as discriminate killing of wild animals ? (Laughter.) "